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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claims 1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A device for guiding two sub assemblies of any one of a motor

vehicle and a motor vehicle seat, the two subassemblies beingwhich are displaceable relative to

one another, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction, the device

comprising [[with]]:

two guide elements which are spaced apart from one another in a transverse direction [[-]]

perpendicular to the guide direction; [[and]]

two guide devices in each of which [[each]] one of the guide elements is mounted [[-1]]

movable along the guide direction;

wherein one of: (a) the guide elements are coupled to one another, (b) and the guide

devices are coupled to one another, and (c) the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled

to one another, and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict

movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant respective guide devices along the

transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction;[[,]]

wherein a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with

such a small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction, wherein the displacement

margin is configured such that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated

guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented

along the transverse direction;[[,]] and [[that]]

wherein the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin than the

displacement margin of the first of the two guide elements along the transverse direction in the

associated guide device.

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27. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26, wherein the displacement

margin with which the second guide element is mounted is configured suchso great that under

[[the]] action of forces along the transverse direction the first guide element is movable into

engagement with [[a]] the stop of the associated guide device without the second guide element

moving into engagement with [[a]] the stop of the associated guide device.

28. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26, wherein [[the]] a bearing play

along the transverse direction with which the first guide element is mounted in the associated

guide device is smaller than [[the]] a bearing play with which the second guide element is

mounted in the associated guide device.

29. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26, wherein [[the]] an elasticity

along the transverse direction with which the first guide element is mounted in the associated

guide device is less than [[the]] an elasticity with which the second guide element is mounted in

the associated guide device.

30. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide devices

form a longitudinal guide on which the guide elements are guided as sliding guide elements.

31. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide devices

form a rotary bearing in which the guide elements are guided as swivel elements.

32. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 26, wherein at least one of the

guide elements interacts with the associated guide device along the transverse direction through

elastic means.

33. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 32, wherein the two guide elements

each interact with their associated guide device along the transverse direction through the elastic

means.

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34. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 32, wherein the respective guide

element is movable along the transverse direction into engagement with the associated guide

device through the elastic means.

(Currently Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which 35.

act acting between the first guide element [[of]] and the associated guide device have a greater

stiffness than the elastic means which act acting between the second guide element and the

associated guide device.

(Currently Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which 36.

act acting between the first guide element and the associated guide device have a smaller

maximum [[still]] available spring [[path]] travel in the transverse direction than the elastic

means which act acting between the second guide element and the associated guide device.

37. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which

act acting between the first spring guide element and the associated guide device in the

transverse direction [[have]], in comparison with the spring elastic means which act acting

between the second guide element and the associated guide device in the transverse direction,

[[such]] have at least one of a greater stiffness and/or such a smaller maximum [[still]] available

spring [[path]] travel such that the first mentioned elastic means acting between the first spring

element and the associated guide device in the transverse direction, under a predeterminable load

in the transverse direction, prevent a complete run through pass of the spring [[path]] travel of

the second-mentioned elastic means acting between the second guide element and the associated

guide device in the transverse direction.

38. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 37, wherein the predeterminable

load represents [[the]] loads which occur occurring during accident-free operation of the motor

vehicle.

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39. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 32, wherein the spring elastic

means are formed in one piece on the respective guide element-and-preferably consist of a

plastics, more particularly an elastomer.

40. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 32, wherein the elastic means are

mounted as separate elements on the respective guide element and are supported on this

respective guide element.

41. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 32, wherein the elastic means are

formed by one of spring tongues and spring eyelets.

42. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 32, wherein on the first guide

element stops are provided, more particularly in the form of slide feet which in the transverse

direction and in relation to the associated stop face of the guide device are set back from the

outer contour of the elastic means there of the first guide element.

43. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide elements

comprise are designed in-several parts, more particularly two parts.

44. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 43, wherein the two parts of the

respective guide element, are guidable through a guide opening of the respective associated

guide device, are joinable and is connectable to one another through same.

45. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 44, wherein the connection of the

two parts of the respective guide element is provided through at least one of clip elements and

through a threaded bolt.

46. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 43, wherein the two parts of the

first guide element are tensioned towards with respect to each other so that no substantial spring

[[path]] travel becomes available for further deformation of the elastic means acting in the

transverse direction on the corresponding guide element.

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47. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26 or claim 41, wherein at least one

part of the elastic means which act acting in the transverse direction on the first guide element

[[are]] is formed by [[the]] use of an elastic material for the first guide element.

48. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 26, wherein elastic means act in a

direction both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction between at

least one of the first guide element and[[/or]] the second guide element on the one hand and each

relative respectively associated guide device on the other hand-elastic means act in a direction

both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction.

49. (Currently Amended) A seat frame [[with]] comprising a device for guiding two seat sub

assemblies of any one of a motor vehicle and a motor vehicle seat, the subassemblies being

which are displaceable relative to each other, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a

guide direction, the device comprising [[with]]:

[[-]] two guide elements which are spaced apart from one another in a transverse direction

perpendicular to the guide direction and;

[[-]] two guide devices in each of which [[each]] one of the guide elements is mounted

movable along the guide direction;

wherein one of: (a) the guide elements are coupled to one another, (b) the guide devices

are coupled to one another, and (c) the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled to one

another, and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict

movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant respective guide devices along the

transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction;[[,]]

wherein a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with a

such-small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction, wherein the displacement

margin is configured such that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated

guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented

along the transverse direction;[[,]] and [[that]]

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wherein the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin than the displacement margin of the first of the two guide elements along the transverse direction in the associated guide device.

- 50. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle seat with a seat frame, the seat frame comprising [[with]] a device for guiding two seat sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable relative to each other, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction, the device comprising [[with]]:
- [[-]] two guide elements which are spaced apart from one another in a transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction; and
- [[-]] two guide devices in <u>each of</u> which [[each]] one of the guide elements is mounted movable along the guide direction;

wherein one of: (a) the guide elements are coupled to one another, (b) or the guide devices are coupled to one another, and (c) the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled to one another, and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant respective guide devices along the transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction; [[,]]

wherein a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with asuch small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction, wherein the displacement margin is configured such that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented along the transverse direction;[[,]] and [[that]]

wherein the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin than the displacement margin of the first of the two guide elements along the transverse direction in the associated guide device.

51. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which act acting between the first guide element [[of]] and the associated guide device have a greater stiffness than the elastic means which act acting between the second guide element and the

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associated guide device and wherein the respective guide element is movable along the

transverse direction into engagement with the associated guide device through the elastic means.

52. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 27 or claim 42, wherein at least one

part of an the elastic means which act acting in the transverse direction on the first guide element

[[are]] is formed by [[the]] use of an elastic material for the first guide element.

(Currently Amended) The device according to claim 27, wherein an elastic means act in 53.

a direction both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction between at

least one of the first guide element and[[/or]] the second guide element on the one hand and each

relative respectively associated guide device on the other hand-elastic means act in a direction

both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction.

(Currently Amended) A motor vehicle seat with a seat frame, the seat frame comprising 54.

[[with]] a device for guiding two seat sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable

relative to each other more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction, the

device comprising [[with:]]:

two guide elements which are spaced apart from one another in a transverse direction [[-]]

perpendicular to the guide direction; and

two guide devices in each of which [[each]] one of the guide elements is mounted [[-]]

movable along the guide direction;

wherein one of: (a) the guide elements are coupled to one another, (b) [[and]] the guide

devices are coupled to one another, and (c) the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled

to one another, and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict

movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant respective guide devices along the

transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction;[[,]]

wherein a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with a

such small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction, wherein the displacement

margin is configured such that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated

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guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented

along the transverse direction;[[,]] and that

wherein the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin than the

displacement margin of the first of the two guide elements along the transverse direction in the

associated guide device;[[,]] and

wherein the displacement margin with which the second guide element is mounted is

configured such so great that under [[the]] action of forces along the transverse direction the first

guide element is movable into engagement with [[a]] the stop of the associated guide device

without the second guide element moving into engagement with [[a]] the stop of the associated

guide device.

55. (New) The device according to claim 39, wherein the elastic means comprises at least

one of plastics and elastomer.

56. (New) The device according to claim 42, the stops are configured as slide feet which in

the transverse direction and in relation to the associated stop face of the guide device are set back

from the outer contour of the elastic means there of the first guide element.

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